

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111  
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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the Specification as follows:

**At Page 2, lines 5-17:**

In general, a tunnel encapsulates IP traffic of a communications session within an outer IP header as it passes through the tunnel, and includes: an ingress node at which traffic enters the tunnel and is encapsulated by the addition of the outer IP header; an egress node, where traffic exits the tunnel and is decapsulated by the removal of the outer IP header; and intermediate nodes through which tunneled traffic passes between the ingress and egress. In a VPN environment, the ingress and egress nodes serve as endpoints of an end-to-end communications path, and may correspond to customer premised equipment and/or network-based access equipment provided by ~~an~~ a network service provider.

**At Page 15, lines 3-8:**

Thus it will be seen that the present invention provides a method and an apparatus enabling dynamic QoS treatment of secure VPN tunnel traffic. Cost-effective use of secure VPN tunnels is therefore enabled by allowing QoS treatment to be varied according to the requirements of the user.